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1. In mid-May 1950 a worker employed at Neuruppin (N 53/2 49) airfield told source that the new runway was to be dug 80 cm deep and covered with a layer of crushed stones topped by cement. The runway was to be about 3,000 meters long and 60 meters wide.

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2. The construction of a runway was under way at Neuruppin airfield on 18 May 1950. The strip which was being leveled was 1,500 to 2,000 meters long and about 50 meters wide. About 40 masts, 50 meters apart and fitted with lamps, were on both sides of the runway. The building site was not guarded. A sign-board at the eastern edge of the building site bore the inscription "Building Enterprise Brandenburg". A narrow-gauge track, a steam locomotive, a crane and a concrete mixing machine were at the building site. The intact hangar was closed and aircraft were not seen. The airfield barracks were occupied to capacity by Soviet Army units.

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3. On 30 May it was learned that the building firm doing the construction work at Neuruppin airfield was called "Building Enterprise Brandenburg, Bauunion East, Potsdam, 46-49 Potsdamer Strasse, tel. 211 and 216". About 450 workers were employed at the field. Wooden sheds were being built at the western edge of the field, in addition to the construction of the runway. An airfield worker told source that the work was scheduled to be completed by 1 August 1950. *

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Comment. The three sources agree on the construction of a concrete runway, which was previously known. The statement that this runway is to be 3,000 meters long seems to be exaggerated. According to previous information it will be from 2,000 to 2,500 meters long. The target date ~~for~~ the completion of the runway is reported for the first time. The runway under construction in Koethen is also said to be scheduled for completion about the same date, 15 August 1950. The occupation of the airfield by army units is confirmed. No air unit is presently stationed at the field. For sketch of airfield, see annex.

1 Annex: Layout sketch of Neuruppin Airfield.

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